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In re application of:

MCGREGOR et al.

Application No.: 09/745,719

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: MOBILE PHONE WITH
INTERNAL ACCOUNTING

Examiner: T. Gesesse

Art Unit 2683

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND INTERVIEW
SUMMARY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for 3 months from December 6, 2001 to March 6, 2002, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 32-38, drawn to remote activation and programming of a mobile phone unit by a mobile phone system, classified in class 455, subclass 419-420.
- II. Claims 11-31 and 39-44, drawn to a complex billing algorithm and rate data for internally calculating call charges, classified in class 455, subclass 405-409

Applicants would first like to thank Examiner Gesesse for discussing the restriction requirement over the telephone with their undersigned attorney on January 15, 2002. During that discussion, Applicants' attorney pointed out that a number of the pending claims recite elements from *both* of the restricted groups. For example, claim 6 of proposed Group I has elements directed to both "activation and programming" as well as "a complex billing